

THE JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR IN MONGOLIA (1945-1947) AND THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation presents for the first time a comprehensive historical narrative of the Japanese Prisoners of War after World War II, detained in Mongolia from the time of Soviet jurisdiction until Mongolian jurisdiction between the years 1945 and 1947. Additionally, this dissertation demonstrates that the detention of the Japanese POWs in Mongolia was a key issue in the history of Mongolia and Japan relations. Newly uncovered archival documents presented in this dissertation offer fresh accounts on receiving the Japanese POWs, placement in different labor camps, work and living conditions at the camps, health, death, convictions of the detainees, their repatriation, and development of normal relations between the Mongolia and Japan.